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## **Big Horn County Reports Three (3) Newly-confirmed Cases of COVID-19**

*One (1) case likely contracted from community spread*

**HARDIN, MONTANA** (July 10, 2020) – Big Horn County added three (3) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on Thursday night. One (1) patient was asymptomatic and found through testing at a sentinel surveillance testing event held the week of June 29, 2020. One (1) patient was tested due to contact with a previously-confirmed patient. One (1) patient presented with symptoms when tested and does not appear to be connected of any current cluster in the County, indicating community spread.

The new cases are:

<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Under age 10	-	-	-
Age 10 – 19	-	-	-
Age 20 – 29	1	1	2
Age 30 – 39	1	-	-
Age 40 – 49	-	-	-
Age 50 – 59	-	-	-
Age 60 – 69	-	-	-
Over age 70	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>

Total confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in Big Horn County:

<b>Age Ranges</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Recovered</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>Deaths</b>
Under age 10	5	8	13			
Age 10 – 19	10	11	21			
Age 20 – 29	13	6	19			
Age 30 – 39	7	7	14			
Age 40 – 49	7	6	13			
Age 50 – 59	3	8	11			
Age 60 – 69	6	8	14			
Over age 70	3	2	5			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>

Recoveries in Big Horn County continue to total 63. Four (4) persons are deceased. Of the 43 active cases, 39 patients are quarantining and recovering at home, and four (4) patients are hospitalized.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>
April	3
May	27
June	44
July to date (7/9/2020)	36

Big Horn County wants to remind all residents of the County to wear a mask and social distance when outside of their homes and in public. Masks are required when engaged in indoor activities, such as shopping. Masks are not necessary in the event that residents are outdoors and unlikely to come within six (6) feet of other people, such as while taking advantage of our beautiful county, to work, recreate, or exercise.

Sentinel surveillance testing is random testing of members of a community to determine spread of a particular disease and is particularly useful in finding asymptomatic cases of COVID-19. A patient is asymptomatic when they show no outward signs of the disease.

Tracking down contacts to a positive case (contact tracing) is one of the best tools public health can use to slow the spread of the virus. If you believe you were in the presence of a recently confirmed COVID-19 case for more than five (5) minutes, please call public health so that a nurse may interview you and determine what level of exposure you have:

- IHS Public Health Nursing: (406) 638-3478
- Big Horn County Public Health: (406) 665-8720

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Big Horn County is the sixth largest county in Montana, at approximately 5,023 square miles, and with a population exceeding 13,000. The local government was established January 13, 1913. Hardin is the County Seat. <https://www.bighorncountymt.gov/> For more information about the County's COVID-19 response, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BHCMTResponds>.